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Preliminary Amendment

**AMENDMENT TO ABSTRACT**

The abstract is amended on the following page to read:

Abstract

~~The invention relates to a~~ A method is provided for handling cassettes for bank notes, for automatic tellers and/or deposit devices. The ~~inventive~~ method for handling cassettes for bank notes, for automatic tellers and/or deposit devices, ~~provides for~~ includes the step of determining the filling level of the cassette or cassettes, comparing the determined filling level of each cassette with at least one threshold value lower than a maximum capacity of the particular cassette, and wherein, if the comparison yields an excess, the step of producing a signal indicating the exceeding of the threshold value, ~~and~~ causing replacement of the cassette for which the signal indicating the exceeding of the threshold value was produced.

~~(Fig. 4)~~